implementation strategies, with a view to improve the quality of the programme.

(b) Recognising the shift in the trend from activities under primary sector to activities under secondary and tertiary sectors amongst Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) beneficiaries as well as the need to consolidate it, the role of rural industrialisation and linking of TRYSEM with industrial opportunities has been emphasised. The elements of new strategy include:—

(i) setting up of resource base industries such as fruit and food processing units and the development of horticulture, vegetable growing, prawn and fish farming, tea cultivation etc. through IRDP loaning;

(ii) identification of strong purveyours of demand in the public sector and to encourage supply against such demand from production groups, set-up under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) for items like uniform required for defence and police personnel or school children and items required for Operation Blackboard, Operation Flood-III and nursery raising for social forestry etc.;

(iii) off-loading of certain lines of production with high labour content to rural production groups to be set up with IRDP beneficiaries through suitable fiscal and financial measures;

(iv) encouragement for setting up of Small Scale Industries in Rural Growth Centres.

(c) and (d) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is an ongoing programme being implemented by the State Governments. The implementing agencies i.e. the State Governments, have been urged to diversify from predominantly primary sector activities with clearly identified backward and forward linkages.

Damage in flood protected areas

*168. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of about 3.5 crore hectares of flood-prone areas in India, about 1.3 crore hectares have been provided with long-term measures of protection; if so, whether in the year 1986-87 there has been damage due to floods in such protected areas; and

(b) if so, what was the extent of such damage and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir; in some protected areas.

(b) Such information is not available. The reasons for such damages are *inter-alia* occurrence of unprecedented floods, increased economic activities and constructions in the flood prone areas and lack of proper maintenance of protection works.

Enquiry against former Chairman of FCI

*171. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI had registered a case against former Chairman of Food Corporation of India, New Delhi, for the tenders floated by the FCI for the purchase of Dal recently;

(b) whether the CBI has since completed its enquiry and if so, the details of its report and whether any action has been taken against him; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) During the investigation of a Regular case on the supply of sub-standard dals at exorbitant prices the alleged involvement of Shri S. S. Sisodia, the then Chairman, Food Corporation of India came to light.

(b) The CBI has completed its investigation and recommended prosecution of Shri Sisodia and 27 others belonging to the FCI, NCCF and Private Trade. The matter is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Houses constructed by the Habitat India Limited

*172. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a company named the Habitat India Limited is recognised by the Centre and State Governments to construct houses for slum-dwellers and middle class people;

(b) if so, how much land has been allotted and particularly by the State Government of Maharashtra to the Habitat India Limited so far; and

(c) how many houses have been erected by this company so far for the slum-dwellers and middle-class people in the country?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The Central Government does not directly implement any housing schemes for slum dwellers, middle income people, etc. Housing schemes are implemented by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations through such agencies as may be found appropriate by them as per local conditions and requirements.

(b) and (c) No land has been given by the Central Government to the Habitat India Society. It is understood that the Society has approached the Government of Maharashtra for allotment of land for putting up transit camps for slum dwellers in Bombay but no land has been allotted by that Government to the Society so far. As regards the remaining States/Union Territories as the allotment of land is to be made by the respective State Government 'Union Territories Administrations, information whether any land has been so allotted to the society and how many houses have been constructed thereon, is not available.

Task force for fertilizer plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

*173. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any task force was appointed for suggesting remedial measures to reduce the losses of Durgapur, Barauni and Namrup plants of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation and if so, when;

(b) whether the said task force has submitted its report and if so, when;

(c) what are the details of the decisions taken thereon to further revamp the industry as a whole; and

(d) the repairs of the plants conducted as on 31-3-1987?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Task Force was constituted on 27th June, 1986 to go into the working of the units of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC). It submitted its report at the end of December, 1986.

(c) The recommendations made by the Task Force are being examined.